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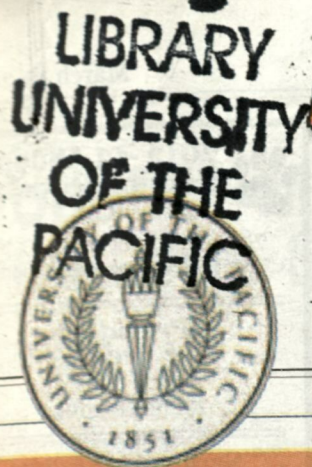
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BREAKING NEWS

McGeorge Leaps to 23rd Best Law School

Sara Menges
NEWS EDITOR

Tuesday, March 13th, U.S. News released their 2013 rankings of Best Graduate Schools. Under the Law category and rankings of best part-time programs, Pacific's McGeorge School of Law rose from a two-way tie for 38th to a four-way tie for 23rd.

These rankings however are considered 'specialty rankings' that mostly rely on the opinions of deans and program directors nationwide. So, as can be assessed online on the official website for U.S. News, each program also received a peer-assessment score out of 5.0. In which McGeorge ranked 2.5 in for their Part-Time Division.

Besides their rankings in Part-Time Law, U.S. News also provides other specialty rankings. In International Law

Pacific's McGeorge is ranked 17th and tied with Northwestern, UCLA, University of Minnesota, and University of Pennsylvania. In the Legal Writing specialty rankings McGeorge is ranked 13th tied with Drexel University.

When asked about the achievements the school has had so far through the rankings, former Dean of McGeorge School of Law, Elizabeth Parker, stated, "I am proud of the International and Writing rankings as they represent voting by a group selected because they are working in the subject field and are thus, presumably, experts."

Dean Parker also noted that it must be taken into consideration that the specialty rankings are based on smaller groups of schools. In the category of for Best Law School McGeorge is currently ranked 101th from almost 200 schools.



Pacific students rallying at the Capitol last Wednesday (Right).

Ruben Dominguez

Cal Grant Cuts Rejected After Student Rally

Sara Menges
NEWS EDITOR

In response to the recent proposals to cut the Cal Grant by 40%, Pacific students came together to create a committee which organized and mobilized students to take action against the proposal. The same committee organized transportation from the DeRosa University Center (UC) to the capitol in Sacramento on Wednesday, March 7th where the hearing of the Cal Grant cuts for schools in the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities sector was going to be taking place.

After breakfast and making posters together in the UC Ballroom, Pacific students caught two buses from the UC to join the hundreds of other students that congregated in the capitol that day. The separate buses were designed to accommodate both students who could make it for the whole day, and those who

had to leave early.

"There are 26,000 of us at private universities; we're not a minority. They need to know who we are, and we need to let them know that they're telling 26,000 people 'I'm sorry. You can't have a college education.'" Explains Alexis Duclos, a member of the committee that organized the trip.

Duclos was also the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Press Conference that started the morning off. Duclos acted as a facilitator, introducing all the speakers who shared their story and also interviewed with KCRA 3 later that day. "I tried to keep the energy alive and remind people why we were there," Duclos commented after the Press Conference. "I can just tell from the enthusiasm and genuine passion that was at that rally though that people are here and they're respectful and they care. I think that's one of the most powerful combinations that you can come up with; it's passionate respect."

The California Assembly was present that day, and students had the opportunity to meet with legislators to share their stories in the afternoon before the hearing at 4PM. Some of the meetings were by appointment, however other legislators were open to student drop-ins.

"I think what we're all trying to focus on is telling our story because they know enough about the numbers. They know the breakdowns, the statistics. They know where the cuts are coming from, but they don't know our story." Explains Duclos about the significance of meeting with the legislators. "We're tired of being looked at like a number. We're people. We have stories, we have impact, and we have meaning. We need to make sure those faces are being attached to those numbers."

As a result of the activities, the California Assembly

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Eibeck Speaks on Budget

Juliene Sesar
LAYOUT EDITOR

Monday March 19th, at 7PM in Grace Covell Hall, President Pamela A. Eibeck will hold a Budget Recommendation Town Hall meeting. This event is open to all students, faculty and staff.

This meeting is set in place to discussing the upcoming Pacific's budget for the 2012-2013 academic year, including tuition and room and board charges. President Eibeck will also discuss the governor's proposed Cal Grants cuts, and how the University plans to counteract those plans with a \$4 million contingency.

"Regarding the \$4 million contingency plan, we are going to propose a budget that includes cuts and cost deferrals in order to increase aid to students losing state funding," stated President Eibeck.

This plan will not cover the entire loss if federal financial aid is cut, however, it will help close the gap that is lost. "Even if Cal Grants are cut, Pacific is committed to continuing to match the Cal Grant with at least \$9,708, as we do now. As a matter of fact, we give an average of \$17,500 in aid to students who are Cal Grant recipients, which is more than students receive at most private universities."

To find out more about the President's recommendations and her full budget plan, go to the town hall on Monday.

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A Message from Alan Hensley, 2012-2013 President of ASuop

Sara Menges
NEWS EDITOR

This year, the race for the Presidential position during the ASuop Elections was competitive throughout the campaign. As the final results came in on the evening of Thursday, March 1st, the candidates who pulled through to the front were Alan Hensley and Elena Goldfoos with a total of 287 votes.

"It feels kind of surreal" comments Hensley, when asked how he felt about his new position in the ASuop office. Although he won't be officially sworn into the position until the ASuop Banquet on April 23rd, Hensley is already working. "First things I have been doing is familiarizing myself with the people that I will have to be working with for the following year" explains Hensley.

This includes setting up meetings with Elizabeth Griego, Vice President of Student Life, as well as working closely with Ashton

Dachter, former president of ASuop. Additionally Hensley also plans to start developing the legislation to have a Senator for Greek Life in order to increase Greek representation in ASuop.

Hensley, along with other student leaders will also have the opportunity to meet with the Regents this semester. "We will be able to express the student condition to them" comments Hensley, "it will be great because then we'll be able to actually talk to the direct decision makers who normally don't get to come down to campus. This will be a great opportunity for us to let them realize what the issues on campus are at the moment."

Besides familiarizing himself with the administration, Hensley also wants to better get to know the student population, their interests, and concerns. "A lot of people want to know who they are being represented by" he stated. "I want people to know that they don't have to be afraid to email me, txt me, or even add me on

facebook. . . I want people to feel they can come up and talk to me" Hensley also wants to encourage students to stop by the ASuop office that is located on the 2nd floor of the McCaffrey Center anytime even if it is just to say hi. "It doesn't always have to be a formal thing," he explains.

This year's student voter participation rate in the elections was 20%, an increase of almost five percent from last year's campus participation. "We were really excited about the higher voter turn out this year and I think it was due to the competitiveness of this year's elections, as well as the new system we implemented having paper ballots in addition to the online option," commented Morgan Stonefelt, Head of this year's Election Committee. Morgan also mentioned that ASuop plans to extend the number of people on the committee for next year "so we cover more of the campus, and hopefully have even greater student involvement next year!"

If you missed the voting

or opportunity to run for positions, it isn't too late to get involved! Hensley is currently working on building his cabinet for the coming year and is open to discussion with any student who is interested. Examples of cabinet positions in ASuop include the Commissioner of Campus Affairs, Communication, and Sustainability. The application process is open to all Pacific students returning next academic year and for anyone who is interested they can contact Jen Mazotta for more information.

Lastly, Hensley wanted to emphasize the message that both he and Elena portrayed in their campaign, that their familiarity with ASuop will allow for a smooth transition into the position. "We already know how ASuop works, now all we really have to learn is exactly what the Presidential and Vice Presidential life will be, but the learning curve will be minimal, and we are getting to work as soon as possible," explains Hensley. "We're not learning, we're actually working."

2012-13 ASuop Election Results
780 out of 3889 (20.1%) registered voters participated

**President
Vice President**
Alan Hensley
Elena Goldfoos

**Senator at Large
Multicultural**
Sydney Reyes

Business
Molly Marshall

COP
America Velasco

Pharmacy
Robert Athwal

Graduate Studies
Daniel Catelano

Engineering
Jeremy Bagnol

International Studies
Kaya Dantzler

Conservatory
Morgan Smallwood

For detailed ticket counts please visit the results posted on www.thepacifican.com

◀ MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ▶

WENDY MURPHY

Introducing a New Paradigm

Thursday, March 22 — 7 pm
DeRosa University Center, Ballroom

Free and open to the public
go.Pacific.edu/WomensHistory

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An Expose of
the Lawyers
and Judges You
Hate—and the
Dirty Tricks They
Don't Want YOU
to Know About



Vocalist Master Class Features Susanne Mentzer

Carrie Fung
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, February 27th, the Conservatory of Music hosted a master class featuring Susanne Mentzer. As a student at Pacific, Mentzer studied Music Therapy for a few years before obtaining her Bachelors and Masters of Music in Vocal Performance at the Juilliard School of Music. Mentzer is currently a Professor of Voice at Rice University, and an Arts Blogger for *The Huffington Post*.

Prior to her position at Rice, Mentzer taught at DePaul University in Chicago and the 'Aspen Music Festival' and School. During her time in Chicago, she founded and organized "Jubilate," a benefit concert for the Bonaventure House. Over 1 million dollars was raised for homeless people living with AIDS. Mentzer's work with 'Jubilate' landed her an Alexian Brothers USA Thelan Award.

During the master class, Mentzer focused mostly on technique and was eager to work with the students. "I don't want anyone's knickers in a bunch," Mentzer said jokingly.

Performances from Yelena Dyachek, Andrew Dwan, Hannah Ludwig, Ted Pickell, and Viviana Millan grazed the Recital Hall. Alternates Johann Reed and Sarah Phelan did not get a chance to sing for Mentzer, but Reed and fellow classmate Bethany Morgan were more than happy to help out, and portray some characters

during Pickell's session.

Mentzer adopted a hands on approach in making her points and shared her "saving grace" with everyone. While helping a few students with their support and breathing, Mentzer, with the students permission, personally made sure they were using the correct muscles. "You all know the joke right? You have to be an octopus to be an opera singer. A hand here, hold that up, a hand there to keep that still, hands everywhere!" Mentzer proclaimed. The mezzo-soprano was not afraid to teach by example, demonstrating the techniques she described and singing a few notes to show everyone how its done.

All Vocal Performance students were required to be at the master class. However, many came voluntarily. Maribel Alvarez-Muñoz, Music Education '13, was there to support her roommate Viviana Millan, and to satisfy her fascination with the voice. Alvarez-Muñoz said that she "enjoyed the master class very much so, and [Mentzer] is a world class musician."

Mentzer will be leaving her position at Rice University at the end of this school year. Though she will no longer be teaching there, students and everyone around the world can still enjoy the recordings of her past performances. "The First Emperor," by Tan Dun with the Metropolitan Opera, and "Les Contes d'Hoffmann," by Offenbach with the Opera de Paris are both available on DVD.

Cal Grant Student Rally

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voted 4-0 to reject the Cal Grants cuts. Although the proposal still has to go through the Senate, the rejection of the proposal by the Cal Grant Committee is a promising step forward.

"I think that it was a great opportunity for students from all the private universities in California to step up for themselves and for all the students at their institutions that receive Cal Grants," comments Elena Goldfoos, Pacific student and another member of the committee that spear headed the mobilization of Pacific students that day. Goldfoos also commented on the potential impact that their efforts would prove for the Pacific student body as a whole. By sharing their messages last Wednesday, California students proved that they are not just numbers.

"At the end of the day, if our voice is heard, that's what will do it" comments Duclos. "When you open their minds and ears to listen, you already gave a foot in the door and you're on your way to a success."

Public Safety



Weekly Report
March 4th - 10th

Simple Assault

Woodbrige 03.04.12

Dispatch received an emergency phone activation with a male reporting another male subject was trying to hurt his son. Officers responded and medics were requested for a laceration to the victim's eye. The victim refused medics. This involved several subjects who got into a confrontation over some words exchanged between them. Several suspects were detained and questioned. Officers initiated a report.

Noise Complaint

Chrisina Ave 03.04.12

Officers responded to a report of Pacific students being loud in the backyard of an off campus address. Residents were contacted and warned.

Aided Stockton PD

Euclid/ Dwight 03.06.12

SPD reported a victim of a robbery at gunpoint on Euclid & Dwight. Officers assisted in checking the area for outstanding suspects with negative findings.

Alcohol Incident

Main Library 03.07.12

Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated female wandering around the library at 11:00 AM. A 41 year old female came into the library looking at the internet for a residence to rent was found to be intoxicated. Subject was turned over to her husband.

Theft

Rehersal Hall 03.09.12

Officer responded to a report of a stolen CD player from an unlocked room. Officer initiated a report.

Suspicious Incident

Townshouses 03.10.12

Officer initiated a report of a female reporting she is receiving emails from an unknown subject who states that he has been watching her.

For more information or to access the full weekly report please visit: <http://www.pacific.edu/Campus-Life/Safety-and-Conduct/Public-Safety-and-Services/Crime-Statistics/Crime-on-Campus/2012-Weekly-Incident-Log.html>

Pacific Celebrates Women's History

Teryn Porter
STAFF WRITER

This March at Pacific, students, faculty, and staff will be taking part in Women's History Month. This occasion aims to bring awareness to women's status in society, and reflect on women's roles in the past. The Women's Resource Center, along with various other organizations around campus, will be working together to facilitate the many events that are planned.

Many people around campus, including Corrie Martin from the Women's Resource Center, stress the importance of celebrating Women's History Month. "[It] is important to celebrate because of society's historical lack of inclusion and visibility of women's contributions and leadership in social progress, business, and really all areas of society and political life," explained Martin. "It's important to have a space

and a time to focus on it because there has been such a tradition of exclusion for women. There's a lot of ground to make up."

Different departments will be collaborating to contribute to Women's History Month. Pacific will also be working with the Stockton community to promote the awareness and advancement of women's rights beyond our campus. Going even farther off campus, Pacific will be working with the National Council of Negro Women, which is a national organization that dates back to the early 20th century and was one of the first African American women's leadership organizations.

Christiana Oatman, president of the Pacific Feminists, also encourages student participation. Oatman, along with the Pacific Feminists, helped run the screening and discussion of Miss Representation.

"Women make up a little

over fifty percent of the world's population, but their representation in the work force-especially in positions of power in the media, the government, sports, etc.-is far less than half," explained Oatman. "Women's History Month causes us to reflect on the accomplishments of key women who have done so much to improve women's lives."

We have all spent our school years learning about history that greatly revolves around the accomplishments of white men, Oatman pointed out. "Women's History Month gives us a special time to reflect on the important roles women play in history, it gives us an opportunity to hear the voices of key women that are often silenced, said Oatman. "Here at Pacific, we often use Women's History Month to both celebrate past achievements but also to think about the future and what issues need to be

addressed and what changes need to be made to achieve an equal society.

Even though this month is especially dedicated to the reflection and advancement of women's roles, Pacific aims to promote women's involvement and leadership throughout the year. Organizations such as the Pacific Feminists and the Women's Resource Center hope to achieve a campus where everybody is on an equal playing field, regardless of gender. Even though this month focuses on women's history, men are also encouraged to take part in all of the events.

For a list of the all of the events happening during Women's History Month, please visit <https://calendar.pacific.edu/group/womenshistorymonth>.

If you have any questions, be sure to contact Corrie Martin at cmartin1@pacific.edu.

PERSPECTIVES

Understanding the KONY 2012 Movement

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

As recently as March 4th, few, if any Americans, knew who Joseph Kony was. With one video, that all changed.

On March 5th, 2012, Invisible Children Inc. released a film to publicly announce and make known its "KONY 2012" campaign, designed to make Joseph Kony a household name. Kony, a Ugandan war criminal, head of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a rebel military group which believes that they are doing the work of God and are currently occupying northern Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Southern Sudan, and parts of Central African Republic. Kony has been the main subject of an investigation by the International Criminal Court (ICC), which has Kony as its most wanted criminal in the world since 2005.

Kony formed the LRA in retaliation to the Ugandan government's treatment of the Acholi people, his people. Kony and the rebel LRA abduct young children into the army, giving the children weapons, training them as child soldiers, and forcing them to kill. In addition to these horrendous crimes, the LRA has also been accused of murder, child mutilation, and child sexual enslavement.

Indicted by the ICC in 2005, Kony has since slipped into the remote jungles of Uganda and the neighboring countries. The Ugandan government has been attempting to track down Kony, but hasn't been unable to do so. They have not received help from neighboring African nations, due to their lack of military power to provide proper aid to Uganda.

Jason Russell, a graduate of the University of Southern California's film school, and a group of friends travelled to Africa in 2003 with the purpose of creating a documentary about the War in Darfur. In Uganda, Russell and his crew found out about Kony and the LRA. The

discovery resulted in a switch of topic for the documentary; the documentary, *Invisible Children: The Rough Cut*, was released in 2006.

Through the film and several grassroots campaigns, Russell and his crew, who eventually formed Invisible Children, Inc., raised awareness of Kony's crimes and the Ugandan citizens' struggle. The movement led to American rock band, Fall Out Boy, filming the music video for their hit "I'm Like a Lawyer with the Way I'm Always Trying to Get You Off (Me & You)" in Uganda.

In 2008, President George W. Bush signed off on the directive to provide assistance for Operation Lightning Thunder, an offensive to capture Kony. However, only US military advisors, no troops, were sent, and the Ugandan army failed to capture Kony.

After initially failing to gain much support from the visit to Washington, DC, Invisible Children returned in 2010 to lobby for the US to provide military aid in order to help the Ugandan government to capture Kony.

The lobbying paid off. In May 2010, President Barack Obama signed the Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act. The Act sent 100 combat-

themselves engage LRA forces unless necessary for self-defense."

Since the Act was signed into law, the US government has been committed to helping the Ugandan government find and capture Kony. Though the troops are still there, time has passed without much progress. Fearing the lack of major public interest, Russell and Invisible Children decided to put into place a massive campaign dedicated to creating so much interest in Kony and the efforts against him that the US government will be pressured into seeing out the mission until the end.

Thus, KONY 2012 was put into action. The film, which provides information about the happenings in Uganda, Kony's crimes, and past efforts to stop him, has become arguably the most wide-spread viral video in the world. Since it was uploaded to online video host Vimeo on March 5th, the film has received over 16 million views, while its YouTube counterpart has gotten over 78 million hits. Shared via such networks as Facebook, the film has certainly accomplished one of its goals: to make Joseph Kony a household name.

The main focus of the KONY 2012 film though, is greater than to simply make Kony well known in America. The drive behind the film's name is to keep the interest in the cause increased until the US government offers enough help to the point where troops assist the Ugandan army in finding, capturing, and trying

Kony in the ICC, all by the end of 2012.

A major way that the film explains its plan to raise awareness is to target

is scheduled to go down the night of April 20th, 2012.

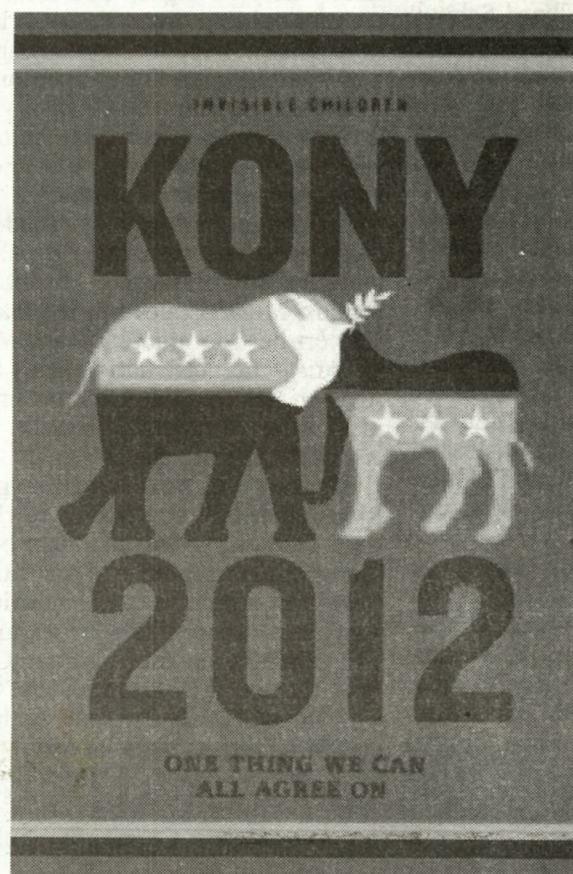
The film has spawned millions of Facebook shares and groups entitled "Cover the Night [Insert Metropolitan Area Name Here]". However, Kony 2012 and Invisible Children have also spawned widespread criticism.

One of the more troubling areas of criticism is aimed at Invisible Children's close affiliation with the Ugandan government and the Sudan People's Liberation army, who have also had documented histories of abusing human rights. A disturbing photo of Russell and members of Invisible Children holding weapons while posing with members of the Sudan People's Liberation Army has recently surfaced, bringing about doubt over the true motives of the movement. In response, Jedediah Jenkins, a director for Invisible Children, stated that, "There is a

huge problem with political corruption in Africa. If we had the purity to say we will not partner with anyone corrupt, we couldn't partner with anyone."

Invisible Children has also come under fire for various tactics used in the film. Throughout the film, Russell shows his toddler son, Gavin, learning about Kony and his methods. Russell also mentions Jacob, a Ugandan boy whose brother had been killed by Kony. Critics have argued that these two were only used for emotional and sentimental responses. Comments have been made that the film focused on the emotional aspects of the cause rather than going into greater detail about what started all of this violence and horror, which is never specifically mentioned.

In addition, the Council of Foreign Relations has criticized Invisible



Invisible Children



Joseph Kony in Africa

equipped US troops to Central Africa to provide aid to the Ugandan army. However, President Obama has since stated in a letter to Congress that "although the U.S. forces are combat-equipped, they will only be providing information, advice, and assistance to partner nation forces, and they will not



Do you believe in/
support the KONY
2012 movement?
Why or why not?

"I'm really not sure. When I first watched it I thought it was great. But after researching it there is a lot of different things being said. I want to know exactly what's going on."

@Ana Delarosa,
C.O. 2014

"I don't support it, because I researched that Invisible Children only send 31% of their funds to direct charity."

@Lucinda Alvarado,
C.O. 2015

"No, I don't support the KONY movement. Yes, it is a great cause and even better that our generation would like to become involved, but we need to start with our own communities first."

@Anthony Villegas,
C.O. 2014

"No, I don't support the movement because they have a financial history of fraud."

@Ben Leong,
C.O. 2012

2012 LGBTQIA Conference: Giving Students a Sense of Shared Hope

Christiana Oatman
PERSPECTIVES EDITOR

Two weeks have passed, but the memories of the LGBTQIA Conference will live on in the minds of the over seven hundred attendees.

Pacific has hosted two biannual LGBTQIA conferences previously, but combined with UC Merced and invited the rest of the UC system to our campus to enjoy a joint conference, that included speakers, a dance, meals and workshops.

While Pacific, and colleges in general, hold conferences all the time about a variety of topics, the LGBTQIA Conference was particularly special because of its impact on the lesbian, bisexual, trans, queer/questioning, asexual/ally (in case you were wondering what all the letters stand for; some people also add POD for pansexual, omnisexual and demisexual) community, which is historically marginalized and can sometimes feel invisible on college campuses, in which their identities are not considered the

norm.

In his opening speech, Dustin Lance Black emphasized his belief in equality, particularly marriage equality, and legalization of same sex marriage, as well as other important issues to the community. Black fought on the federal level rather than the state level. Black is the Oscar-winning screenwriter of the film, *Milk*, and recently wrote the screenplay for J. Edgar and the script for the play, *8*, which focuses on the very recent Proposition 8 vote in California and the subsequent court decisions. The play was open for viewing online last week, and is performed by famous actors including, Brad Pitt and Jamie Lee Curtis.

Workshops varied widely by topic, but many—such as Gay and Greek and a workshop about drag performances—had over a hundred attendees and

filled the respective room.

As president of Pride Alliance, I spoke to many conference attendees, both Pacific students and students who traveled from all over California; and some out of state to attend, and I was impressed with how the conference seemed to give everyone a spirit of hope. There was a sense of shared identity and community. In some cases, there was sheer joy at the ability to hear amazing speakers, learn something new and meet interesting people.

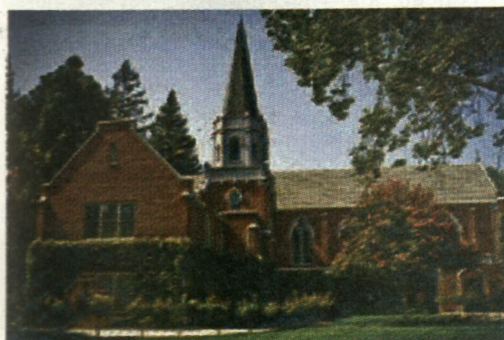
If you are interested in learning more about the conference, I highly encourage you to email Corrie Martin at cmartin1@pacific.



Fahad Almenai
Dustin Lance Black speaking during the opening ceremony

edu. If you would like to learn more about the LGBTQIA community, such as what the identities mean, feel free to stop by the Pride Center in the Multicultural Center to speak with a volunteer or find out about the next Safe Zone training session.

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Octavio Rodriguez
SAFETY COLUMNIST

I walked into a bar after a long day of taking pictures in Juarez. It was dark. Christmas lights crawled on the walls. Buckets of coronas on ice lay about on almost every table. Country music twanged from the jukebox. And for a second I felt like Toby Keith, "man I love this bar," I thought as I took a seat.

The waitress came up and asked me if I needed a "drank sweetie" in a heavy Texas drawl. I told her what I needed, she brought it, I drank it and asked for another. An old man next to me leaned over and asked me where I was from. "California," I told him as I motioned the bartender to get him a drink.

"Well what are you doing out here in EL Paso?" I told him that I was going to spend the entire week crossing into Juarez to try to get pictures of the "current state" of affairs. He took a long sip, adjusted his belt buckle, and told me that I was going to stick out like a sore thumb. "Tattoos are trouble in Juarez, only sicarios, and criminals have tattoos down there."

"I'm sorry, what's a sicario," I asked him. "It's Spanish for hit-man." I told him I definitely wasn't that. We laughed. Then he got real serious again and told me that it's not the gunmen I need to be worried about, "it's the police."

"Down there the police are just as bad. I know, I was a customs agent for twenty five years." I asked him what I should look out for, or what he thinks I should do to avoid trouble. "Well, I'd start by pulling your pants up, what's wrong with you kids now-a-days?"



Dispatches from Juarez

I laughed a bit, ordered another round, and listened to his stories of frightened American tourists chased over the Paso del Norte bridge by Juarez police, the trauma of opening the trunk of an abandoned car only to find the mutilated body of the Juarez police commissioner, and the poor Juarez natives that came to the gate daily begging for asylum.

I asked him what they did whenever American citizens were chased over by the Mexican police. "We let them in. They are American citizens and by law we cannot tell an American to leave his own country. Most of the time the Municipales are just mad because they refused to "tip" them for not taking them to jail."

The next morning as I crossed the bridge into El Centro de Juarez I thought about what the old man told me. I went out of my way to completely cover my tattoos up. Once over I asked Benito, my driver, what he thought about the police, and he too seemed to agree that one had to be careful around them.

As we drove around the once buzzing centers of nightlife in Juarez, I couldn't help but feel amazed at how much of the city center had been recently demolished. There were entire city blocks completely vacant. The usual vendors that walk the streets were non-existent. I didn't even see a sidewalk taco stand.

Everyone that was out and about seemed to be in a hurry. However, there was one constant on every street and turn we made: police. There was a strong police presence, and the sirens seemed to never stop. I wasn't sure if it made me feel safe or worried, both probably.

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Is the Cause Worth Fighting For?

INVISIBLE CHILDREN AND KONY 2012
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Children for "[manipulating] facts for strategic purposes, exaggerating the scale of LRA abductions and murders and emphasizing the LRA's use of innocent children as soldiers, and portraying Kony -- a brutal man, to be sure -- as uniquely awful, a Kurtz-like embodiment of evil." The Council goes on to state that, "[Invisible Children] rarely refer to the Ugandan atrocities or those of Sudan's People's Liberation Army, such as attacks against civilians or looting of civilian homes and businesses, or the complicated regional politics fueling the conflict."

The money behind KONY 2012 has also been placed under the collective microscope. Reports have come out revealing that much of the money raised by Invisible Children goes to salaries and other expenses, while only 32% goes to direct charitable services. Also, Charity Navigator, an extremely credible reviewer of charities, rates Invisible Children two out of four stars in accountability and transparency. Jenkins has since responded that the rating is due to the fact that Invisible Children only has four members of its board of directors instead of five, and that the group is currently interviewing for the fifth position.

Other criticisms include the real motives behind the United States' efforts in Uganda, claiming that the American government is only helping because Uganda provided aid to the US in Somalia. Oppositions to the United States stepping back into a "World Police" role have been mentioned. There have also been discussions about the timing of the film. Kony and the LRA have been out of central Uganda and in current position since 2006, and some reports have Kony's supporters numbered to only hundreds.

Some even say that KONY 2012 will become a passing fad, and that no real activism will be done by the average citizen; people will think that simply "liking" a status or sharing a video will make them activists. There have even been "activism quizzes" made, which make the claim that "If you want to be an activist for KONY 2012, you first have to be able to point out Uganda on a map."

All of the criticisms, none have been about the goal of KONY 2012—finding and

capturing Kony before the year is over. That is the focus of Invisible Children and KONY 2012. That focus has been lost in the criticisms of the film and the organization.

If Invisible Children still seems credible and helpful enough, go get the kits—which come with bracelets and posters depicting "KONY 2012". If not, there are other methods to getting attention for the cause. Writing to US senators and congressmen/women is still the tried and true way every American can fight for a cause; in this new technology age, "tweeting" and "messaging" those officials may be more efficient means of contact. If people don't feel like spending \$30 on the kit, they can make their own posters for 'Cover the Night'.

The point is that Invisible Children discovered a horrible scene, reported it, and provided a way to fight it. That way is not the only way to do it. By all means, do everything possible to help bring down this terrible man. Do not allow help to be withheld simply because there is a problem with an organization which discovered the problem almost ten years ago. Whether or not activism comes through Invisible Children or not, KONY 2012 needs to and should be effective.

There is an old question that lingers at the very heart of this issue. What is more tragic to you, discovering that someone you know has been killed or discovering that a thousand people in a foreign country have been killed? Simply because people do not know the children who have been abducted and killed by Kony and the LRA does not mean that their tragedies are any less horrific. Perspective is the key for deciding how far one helps with KONY 2012. If someone like Kony had been discovered in America, that person would have been found, captured, tried, and killed by now.

Regardless of one's opinion of Invisible Children, the US and Ugandan governments, or the average American's ability to find a small African country on a globe, everyone and anyone with a soul can agree on one thing: Joseph Kony is a very bad man who needs to be stopped.

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Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum with their wives, celebrating wins during last week's Super Tuesday. Getty Images

Speaking Without Thinking

Political Banter Destroying Chances of a GOP Win

Mitchell Woerner
STAFF WRITER

As the last Republican Presidential Debate has taken place, and Super Tuesday has passed I think it's time to talk about the current state of the Grand Old Party (GOP), also known as the Republican Party. While the primary race isn't quite over, it is very close to wrapping up. Romney has taken the lead in several polls and his main rival is Rick Santorum. Rick Santorum has taken heat from comments he has made recently as well as all the way back in 2008. The more a candidate is in the lead, the more skeletons come out of their closet. It is hard to believe that when a nominee is chosen that the other candidates will unite behind him. Other members of the Republican establishment, such as John McCain and Jeb Bush, have commented on how vicious this election has been, and that the rhetoric is too extreme. However, this is a product of the primary system and the apathy of American citizens.

Those most dedicated to their party are the ones that vote in the primaries, and the most dedicated tend to have strong opinions. In order for candidates to win they have to appeal to the primary voters, but this has caused an arm race between the candidates to tell who is more conservative in the case of the Republican primary. The Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum of today are much further to the right than they were eight or even four years ago. They are now falling into a dangerous pit where the GOP is going to be portrayed as a party of extreme conservatism while Obama comes off as a moderate due to his ability to cite how many compromises he's made during his four years in office.

Romney, Santorum, Paul, and Gingrich are hitting each other over the head with two-by-fours and it's only going to hurt the eventual nominee in the general election. Santorum has brought the conversation to social issues, a very poor decision considering that America is much more liberal on social issues than it is on fiscal

issues. Romney is unbelievably out of touch and repeatedly makes gaffes that make it clear he knows little about the struggles of the American people. Ron Paul and Gingrich have fallen off due to their own comments in the present and past. There doesn't appear to be an ideal candidate for the GOP.

I can't help but blame Rick Santorum for inadvertently aiding in throwing this election away. With Santorum's comments about the separation of church and state making him want to "throw up" as well as calling Obama a snob because he wants to give everyone the opportunity to go to college, and then adding in how opposed to contraception he is, Santorum is so far away from mainstream Americans that he would lose in any general election. Santorum also forces Romney to go further to the right on issues prove how conservative he is. Romney is already a victim of flip-flopping, so if he tries to run to the center during the general election he won't be seen as someone interested in helping the American people.

The GOP has been in a state of disarray as the advent of the Tea Party has caused a massive shift towards the right, and instead of offering any real solutions or legislation to help the American people, they have simply used majorities in the House to obstruct Obama's own legislative agenda. Meanwhile the presidential candidates have exemplified the tear in the party, making it harder to bring in moderates or independents to vote for the nominee in the general election. Rick Santorum and his focus on social issues, as well as his evangelical beliefs will no doubt alienate many Americans who are socially liberal or even moderate. With the economy in a slow but steady recovery, Obama is set up for another four years in the White House.

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Thursday, 3/15

Pacific Battle of the Bands
7:30PM-10PM AT THE LAIR

Friday, 3/16

Pacific Opera Theatre: The Magic Flute (16th-24th)
8:00PM AT THE FAYE
SPANOS CONCERT HALL
(2:00PM MATINEE THE 18th)

Saturday, 3/17

Delta Nu Tau's Annual Oral Cancer Walk
10:00aM-1:00PM AT THE UC LAWN

Sunday, 3/18

Palestine Benefit Dinner
6:00PM-9:00PM AT THE UC BALLROOM

Tuesday, 3/20

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Kickoff
8:00PM-11:00PM AT THE LAIR

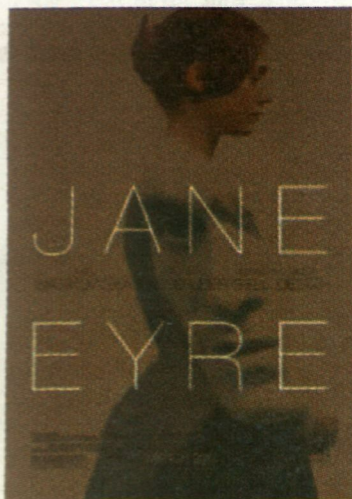
Wednesday, 3/21

Meet the Black Greeks at University of the Pacific
8:00PM-11:00PM AT GREAT RAYMOND

Movies This Week

Thursday, 3/15

Jane Eyre



BBC Films

Friday and Saturday, 3/15 - 3/16
The Muppets



ITC Films

Entrepreneurs Travel to Canada: Spreading Awareness for the Xeni Gwet'in

Molly Marshall
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While many of their peers spent spring break relaxing and soaking in the sun, six Pacific students took an "alternative" approach. On behalf of the Council of University Social Entrepreneurs, these students (Angeliza Lapid, Tyler Payne, Andrew Ratermann, Molly Marshall, Deidre Graham, and Ana Gonzalez) packed up their warm clothes and traveled to the below-freezing British Columbia, Canada, to create a social media campaign spreading awareness for the indigenous Xeni Gwet'in community.

The Xeni Gwet'in have lived on the same lands in the Nemiah Valley for over 2,000 years, which includes a lake sacred to them called Fish Lake. A mining company is in the process of trying to gain rights to the lake, they plan to mine right next to the lake. This plan was rejected by the Canadian federal government because of the environmental concerns, but the British Columbian government was able to ignore their order. If the mining company is allowed to mine next to the lake, it will poison the water in the lake. Eventually the mining company will also have to drain the lake if they

want to extract 50% of the gold and copper that they are mining. This fight is being taken to the Canadian federal court. Until then, the Council has created and will continue to implement a media campaign involving photos and videos for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and any other outlet necessary.

Upon arrival, the Council students were immediately in awe of the uninhabited pristine of the Nemiah Valley. Council President Tyler Payne mentioned he was "taken aback by the beauty of the Nemiah Valley and the resilience of its people". Not only was the land easy on the eyes, but the culture of the Xeni Gwet'in was also exceedingly rich. The students were lucky enough to be invited to participate in enduring customs such as hoop dancing, a sweat lodge, and eating traditional bread called bannock. Getting a feel for the culture was the first step in understanding the significance of the land to the Xeni Gwet'in.

The Council members also spent some time getting to know the youth of the society by visiting the community



Kaleena Tanis
Members of the council who lived with and helped the Xeni Gwet'in people during their spring break.

center and local school. They worked with the kids to teach them how to use social media effectively in order to spread awareness and promote entrepreneurship. Working in groups, they asked the kids to identify a problem in the community, come up with a solution, and find a way that they can incorporate social media into their solution. Essentially, this will drive the Xeni Gwet'in youth to use sites like Facebook for their society's benefit, such as by uploading videos portraying what they value about their culture. The entire experience was incredibly impactful for the Pacific students.

"Working on the social media and youth empowerment programs really allowed us to be able to see the good use of social media and the effect it can have on a child's life if it is utilized in the right way," explained Ana Gonzalez, a member of the Council. "We went up there hoping to leave an impact, where in actuality we were the ones that were immensely affected by the nature, the culture, and the incredible presence of the people we were with."

To learn more about the Xeni Gwet'in, or ways you can help, search #xeni on Twitter or "Save Fish Lake" on Facebook.

NUTRICAT'S CORNER

Go Nuts! A Super-food For Your Diet

Alexandra Caspero
CAMPUS DIETITIAN

Nuts are one of NutriCat's favorite super-foods. Yes, they are high in fat but that doesn't mean they will make you fat. I've had a lot of people tell me they avoid nuts because of their high calorie counts. However, research shows that nut-eaters are actually thinner and have less abdominal fat than those who don't eat them on a normal basis.

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KPAC Weekly Schedule

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Baseball Boys Show
5PM-6PM

Kevin & Tommy
7PM-8PM

The Summer Show
8PM-10PM

TUESDAY

The Tiger Dancer
Show 6PM-7PM

The Kendall, Elise,
and Elizabeth Show
8PM-9PM

The Eric Pestana
Show 9PM-10PM

WEDNESDAY

The Aries Apar
Show 5PM-6PM

Asian Woman Show
6PM-7PM

Drinking the Kool
Aid 7PM-8PM

The Bart Platow
Show (GZN w/ BP)

THURSDAY

4 J's and an N Show
6PM-7PM

The Alex and Alex
Show
7PM-8PM

Island Time Show
8PM-9PM

Local Dancers Get a Chance to "Breakthrough"

Emily Hsu
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Every week you sit down to watch the newest episode of some of the hottest shows on air such as *America's Best Dance Crew*, *America's Got Talent*, or *So You Think You Can Dance*?. You watch these dancers perform amazing routines that are interlaced with humor, but always done to perfection. Then, you glue your fingers to the phone to vote and hope to see your favorite come back next week. Have you ever asked yourself, "Where did these dancers start from?"

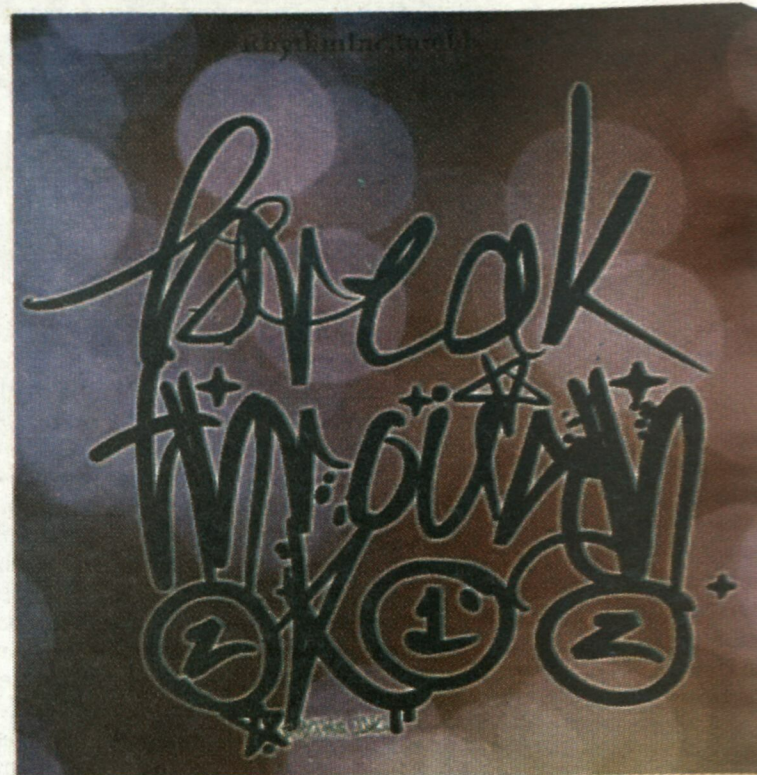
Before starring on international television programs we all know and love, these dancers struggled for recognition right in their own neighborhoods. From talent shows to auditions, dancers are looking for a chance to show their moves any chance they get. University of the Pacific's hip hop dance team, Rhythm Inc., is here to offer those dancers exactly this opportunity. On March 24th at the Warren Atherton Theatre in San Joaquin Delta College, Rhythm Inc. will be hosting their fifth annual Breakthrough Dance Competition.

Now, this is not just your average dance competition or talent show. Dance teams from right here in Stockton and even teams as far as Or-

ange County will be competing for the grand prize of \$1000 and the title of Breakthrough winner for a whole year! Breakthrough has seen some of the best of the best before they were the best! Winners of America's Best Dance Crew season 5, Poreotics, won their very first competition right here in Stockton, CA. With the still increasing number of submissions, the roster is just as promising this year! Rhythm Inc. is also proud to announce that HipHop International, aSociete, Pacific Rim, and many other notable companies will be sponsoring and attending our event.

Is sitting there watching other people dance not really your thing? Rhythm Inc. is also offering a "Judges Workshop" on March 25th. As if a whole day of dancing was not enough, this is a whole day of dance classes, with all classes taught by the judges of the competition: Nicole Lewis (Super Galactic Beat Manipulators), Brian BK Kim (Common Ground), and Mike Perez (High Profile). Classes will be \$5 each but \$12 if you take all three.

We are bringing the music, the dancing, and the show. So, the only missing thing is you! If you want to see live



March 24, 2012

Please visit <http://RhythmInc.tk> for more info.

@RhythmIncDance

2012 Breakthrough Dance Competition will be hosted by University of the Pacific hip hop dance group Rhythm Inc

dancing, meet amazing dancers, and mingle with the most notable choreographers in the business, then you need to come to the show or come take class! Tickets and all information can now be found online at <http://rhythminc.tk> or through any Rhythm

Inc. member. Before March 24th, tickets are on sale for \$15 presale, but the day of the competition prices will increase to \$20. Please email RhythmInc.DanceTeam@gmail.com or check out www.facebook.com/RhythmInc for more details.

Tips for Success: 5 Steps to Landing the Interview

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You've tasted all the cafeteria has to offer, walked across the levy, and even ventured off-campus. With graduation and summer right around the corner, what's next? For some college students in a tough job market, scoring the interview can be a challenge. Here are 5 Steps to getting an interview with the company of your dreams.

1. LinkedIn

Utilize LinkedIn as an extension of your resume. All the stuff you couldn't fit onto one page, display it in your profile. Connect with your former classmates, colleagues, and friends! The

bigger your network, the more likely you will have a connection to a company that you're interested in applying to. Form and maintain lasting relationships with your contacts! Once you identify the companies you want to work for look to see who you know has a connection! Connections are a great way to get a formal or even informal interview.

2. Twitter

Twitter isn't just about tweeting your ideas in 140 characters or less. The secret to this addictive social medium is using it as a tool to interact with recruiters via messaging and following. What better way to learn about what's important to recruiters? Read their tweets and don't be afraid to send a message. The goal is to build relationships.

3. Get involved on campus

HR knows that you aren't a seasoned professional with a stacked resume. What matters to them is that you're active in school organizations, events and have a drive to be involved. Put down that beer, explore the different organizations and opportunities on campus, and take on leadership roles. Show HR recruiters and your peers what you're made of!

4. Be unique

Your goal is to get an interview, and one of the best ways to catch a recruiter's attention is to be both creative and professional with your resume. If you have a website, create a QR code, show recruiters that you understand new technologies. Remember the goal: stand out.

5. Follow up

The key to keeping a recruiter's attention is to make sure they know that you're serious about pursuing the job. If you meet or interact with them regarding a job or internship, follow up with something relevant! i.e. interesting points that were discussed in your interview. Remind them of your dedication and interest. Remember there could be 20 or 200 people applying for that role.

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SPORTS

How Santa Barbara Ended Pacific's Basketball Season, Twice

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In a tournament filled with upsets, the Pacific Women's Basketball team was eliminated in the 2012 Big West Tournament semifinals on Friday. The 5-seed Tigers, who swept UC Santa Barbara in the regular season, were on the losing end of their second round matchup with the Gauchos.

"We had beaten [Santa Barbara] twice in the regular season and played really well in those games," Pacific head coach Lynne Roberts stated afterwards, "I don't think we played that poorly today. But they were really good."

The first half was a tale of runs. Pacific got started with a 7-0 run to begin its scoring. After the Gauchos tied the game at 7-7, sophomore Gena Johnson's three-point play put the Tigers up 12-7. Santa Barbara would then go on a 10-3 run, eventually gaining a 21-17 lead. Pacific would work to tie the score at 21-21 with 5:23 left in the half. The Gauchos then would begin to distance themselves with an 11-1 run to make it 32-22. Pacific would only get a point closer in the half, going into the break trailing 37-28.

Junior Kendall Rodriguez's

three-pointer brought the score to 37-33 just over two minutes into the second half. Pacific would not get closer to the lead for the rest of the game. After trading baskets for the next several minutes, Santa Barbara's three-pointer with 9:43 left in the game upped the lead back to double digits at 55-43. The Tigers would fight to get it to 68-60 with 4:05 to go. However, Pacific's mistakes began to pile up. Three straight possessions with turnovers led to the deficit increasing to 82-64. A couple baskets were all that was left of the 84-66 loss.

"Their senior leadership was something I had been fearing," Roberts revealed, "We didn't have that this year. We'll have it next year."

Junior Erika McKenzie led the team with 17 points while Johnson added 15 in addition.

Santa Barbara shot an impressive 54.2% from the field, its highest total of the season.

Pacific advanced to play the Gauchos by taking down defending Big West champion UC Davis on its home court. The Tigers used stingy defense to capitalize on poor shooting by the Aggies

in a 59-51 win.

Gena Johnson paved the way for the Tigers with 17 tough points. Rodriguez contributed 14 points as well.

After an opening three-pointer by Kendall Rodriguez, freshman Kendall Kenyon's jumper gave the Tigers a 6-0 lead. After the teams traded baskets, Gena Johnson connected on a tough layup to increase the lead to 10-3. Both defenses were stingy early on, with Pacific not allowing a Davis field goal inside the three-point arc for the first 17 minutes of the game. Sophomore Sam Pettinger's three-pointer with 3:44 left in the half finished off the Tigers' 13-1 run. The teams would trade baskets for the rest of the half, with the Tigers taking a 26-13 halftime lead.

Davis came out with three quick baskets to start the

second half. In response, Rodriguez quieted the crowd with a tough four-point play to bring the lead back to 13. The Aggies would chip away at the lead, eventually getting it back to single digits with 6:52 to go. Almost three minutes later, Davis would get the lead to 47-41, the closest margin since early in the first half. They would get no closer than that, as Pacific would hold on for the 59-51 victory.

The game marked the first appearance for junior Ashley Wakefield since January 21st, when she suffered a severe ankle injury.

UC Davis had swept the regular season series with Pacific, but could not take the sole postseason matchup.

That night was full of upsets. In addition to Pacific's win, 6-seed Santa Barbara outlasted 3-seed UC Irvine

and 7-seed Long Beach State took out 2-seed Cal State Fullerton.

The upsets continued in the next round, as Long Beach toppled 1-seed Cal Poly in the other semifinal matchup. Santa Barbara would defeat Long Beach State to claim the 2012 Big West Tournament championship.

Overall, the Pacific Tigers finished with a 17-13 record, their highest number of wins since the 2001-02 season.

"As much as this stings," Roberts explained, "I couldn't be more proud of my team. To finish third and have 17 wins and a shot at the WNIT is something. I'm so proud of my team."

Pacific earned that shot, as the Tigers will host Arizona State in the first round of the 2012 WNIT Tournament Friday at 7:00 PM in the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Déjà Vu: For the Second Straight Season, Tigers' Tournament Run Ended by Gauchos

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR

Pacific kept it close for most of the first half. However, a 13-3 run by two-time defending Big West Tournament champion UC Santa Barbara at the end of the half was the beginning of the end for the Tigers, who were handed a first round exit by the Gauchos in a 72-52 contest on Thursday.

"We really didn't play with a lot of spunk in the first eight or nine minutes," Pacific head coach Bob Thomason told the media afterwards, "[They] made a huge difference with threes. Santa Barbara did a great job. They're so big and they make it really tough for you. We had to play, not a perfect game, but a near perfect game to win."

The Tigers jumped out to a 7-2 lead on junior Markus Duran's three-pointer. Santa Barbara would tie the game at 9-9, but another Duran

three-point shot gave Pacific a 12-9 lead with 15:39 left in the half. After the Gauchos tied the score again, the game would enter a three-minute scoreless streak. Santa Barbara would break that streak, taking a 22-14 lead at 10:39 in the half.

Junior Lorenzo McCloud would hit a three-pointer to shrink the lead to four. In a repeat of that sequence, Santa Barbara built a big lead, with another McCloud three-pointer cutting the lead to 30-26 with 5:11 to go in the half. But, Tiger turnovers and hot shooting by the Gauchos would see Santa Barbara take a 43-29 lead into halftime.

Santa Barbara's lead increased to 22 thanks to a four-minute scoreless stretch by Pacific to begin the second half. Despite junior Travis Fulton's jumper to end the drought, it would not get better for the Tigers. The Gauchos increased their lead to 67-38 with 7:26 left in the

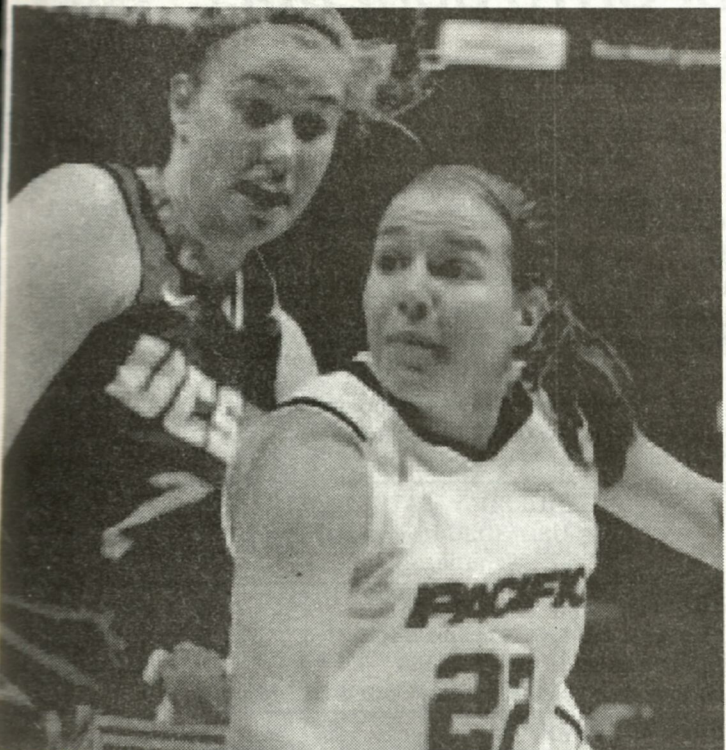
game. Pacific managed to shorten the lead to 20 with junior Jordan Turner's three-point shot with 56 seconds left, but would not get closer.

McCloud led the Tigers with 14 points, while Fulton had a team-high five assists. Fulton and junior Colin Beatty each grabbed six rebounds. The Pacific Men's Basketball team finished the season with an 11-19 record overall, 6-11 in Big West play.

"[Santa Barbara] deserved to win it," Thomason stated, "They did a great job. They've been playing at a really high level these last two weeks."

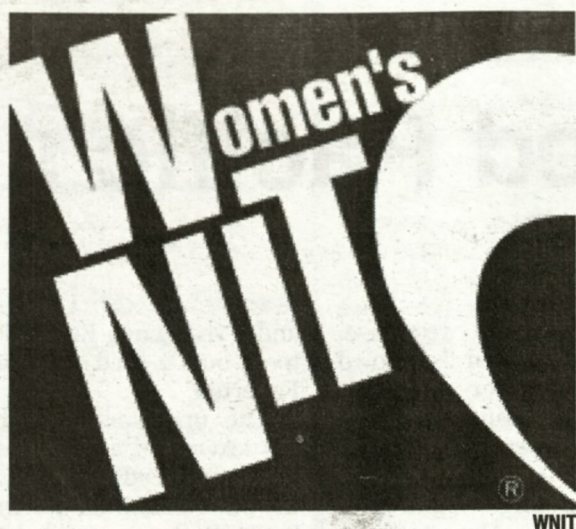
This was a rematch of last year's Big West Tournament first round matchup between the 4-seed Tigers and 5-seed Gauchos. Santa Barbara would win 79-67 on its way to back-to-back titles.

That back-to-back run would end Saturday, as Santa Barbara fell to regular season champ Long Beach State in the Big West Tournament championship game.



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Junior Erika McKenzie (right) drives past a defender.



2012 WNIT Preview

First Round



Pacific

Ruben Dominguez
SPORTS EDITOR



Arizona State

G. Spanos Center.

Don't put away your orange and black gear away, Pacific fans. There's more basketball to still be played.

For the first time since 1995, the Pacific Women's Basketball team has been invited to participate in a non-Big West Conference postseason tournament. The Tigers have been selected to play in the 2012 Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT).

The program made it's first, and only previous postseason tournament appearance, in the 1995 WNIT (called the NWIT back then).

The WNIT invites the best women's college basketball teams which did not make the NCAA Tournament to participate in a top-rate postseason tournament. The 31 teams, which had the highest seeds in their conference tournaments but did not make the NCAA tournament, were automatically invited.

That left a pool of 33 at-large teams that were invited to participate. Pacific was one of four Big West teams invited to the 2012 WNIT. CSU Northridge, UC Davis, and automatic bid-receipient, Cal Poly are the other teams.

In the first round of the 2012 WNIT, which plays out Wednesday-Friday, Pacific will play host to Arizona State, Friday at 7:00 PM in the Alex

The Tigers finished tied for third in the Big West. After defeating defending Big West champion UC Davis in the first round, Pacific was defeated by eventual champion UC Santa Barbara (who will play No. 1 Baylor in the first round of the 2012 NCAA Tournament) in the semifinals. The Tigers finished with a 10-8 conference record and a 17-13 mark overall.

The Sun Devils (10-8 conference, 20-11 overall) finished in fourth place in the PAC-12 Conference. Arizona State took our rival Arizona in the PAC-12 Tournament quarterfinal before falling to eventual tournament champion No. 2 Stanford, which earned a 1-seed in the 2012 NCAA Tournament, in the semifinal round.

The Pacific-Arizona State matchup is one of three first round Big West vs. PAC-12 games. Washington hosted Cal Poly Wednesday while UC Davis will travel to Oregon State for a Thursday contest.

Pacific and Arizona State have met only once before. The Sun Devils defeated the Tigers 90-65 in 1982).

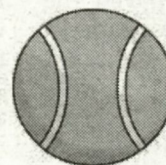
All of the Tigers' regulation losses this season have been to teams who have made a postseason tournament.

The winner of the Pacific-Arizona State game will play the winner of the San Diego-CSU Northridge first round matchup.

News and Notes



BASEBALL: Pacific travelled to top Big 12 team Kansas State for a three-game series March 2-4th. The Tigers upset the Wildcats in the first matchup, winning by a score of 7-2. Senior Brett Christopher had a home run and a double in the win, while freshman Michael Benson allowed one earned run over seven innings of work. Kansas State would win the next two games to take the series. Pacific battled Creighton in the first home series of the year, with the Blue Jays taking a the first game 11-9. The Tigers would take the middle game, scoring nine unanswered runs to win 9-3. Creighton would win the third game.



WOMEN'S TENNIS: The Tigers suffered consecutive one-point losses over the break. March 4th, Pacific fell to San Francisco 4-3. Sophomore Susan Te, one of the Tigers' top performers, was forced to miss the match due to a leg injury. After almost a week off, the Tigers returned to action Saturday against San Jose State. Pacific was defeated in another tight 4-3 matchup. The following day, the team was swept by St. Mary's.



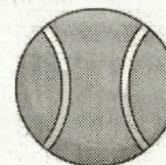
MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Pacific hosted two MPSF foes to kick off Spring Break. After splitting the first two sets, the Tigers were edged by No. 2 UC Irvine 3-1 March 2nd. The following day, Pacific rebounded with a 3-0 (25-17, 26-24, 25-16) win over UC San Diego. Junior Taylor Hughes hit an astounding .519 while recording 17 kills. Seniors Sean Daley and Florian Gornik hit .455 and .467, respectively. A week later, the Tigers travelled to No. 4 BYU for a two-game series. Pacific was swept in both games.



GOLF: The Tigers travelled south for the Fresno Lexus Classic, which took place March 5-6th. The team finished fourth overall out of sixteen teams with a +19 total. Junior Alex Edfort came within four strokes of the individual title. Edfort would end up finishing second with a -3. Sophomore Byron Meth finished tied for fourth at -1.



WOMEN'S WATER POLO: Pacific travelled to Davis, CA on March 3rd to take part in the Aggie Shootout. Against No. 20 UC San Diego, the Tigers lost a heartbreaking 9-8 battle in overtime. Freshman Taylor Adair led Pacific in scoring with three goals, while sophomore Elise Martin and Malena Prlain each had two goals. Sophomore Michele Relton recorded ten blocks in goal.



MEN'S TENNIS: The Tigers squeaked out a 4-3 win over Nevada March 3rd. While Pacific secured the doubles point, the match would come down to the final singles match. Freshman Erik Cederwall came through in the clutch, scoring a 6-2, 7-6(8) victory to clinch the win for Pacific. The following weekend was not as fortunate for the Tigers, as they fell to New Mexico and BYU.



PACIFIC SPORTS SCHEDULE



HOME GAMES IN BOLD			
	FRIDAY-SUNDAY @ Gonzaga 6:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 1:00 PM Washington Trust Field		TUESDAY @ Sacramento State 2:00 PM John Smith Field
BASEBALL			
W. BASKETBALL	WNIT FRIDAY vs. Arizona State 7:00 PM Alex G. Spanos Center		WNIT
GOLF	FRIDAY-SUNDAY Brandon Dunes Championship Brandon Dunes Resort Brandon, OR		
M. TENNIS	THURSDAY-SATURDAY USD/SDSU Invitational San Diego, CA		
W. TENNIS	THURSDAY vs. UC Davis 2:00 PM Hal Nelson Courts	FRIDAY vs. Fresno Pacific 5:00 PM Hal Nelson Courts	SUNDAY vs. New Mexico 11:00 AM Hal Nelson Courts
W. WATER POLO	FRIDAY-SATURDAY LMU Invitational Los Angeles, CA		SUNDAY Aztec Invitational San Diego, CA

Errors Cost Softball Against Washington

Tigers Lose Twice in Two Days to No. 3 Huskies by a Combined Three Runs

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Pacific came within two innings of upsetting the No. 3 team in the country and taking the 2012 Louisville Slugger Invitational title on Sunday. However, Washington scored three runs in the sixth to win 6-4, and the Tigers would fall to the third-ranked Huskies for the second time in as many days.

After two scoreless innings, Washington broke through with two runs in the third. After giving up another run in the fourth, Pacific was staring at a 3-0 deficit at the top of the fifth inning.

Undeterred, the Tigers came out firing. After the inning began with two singles, junior Megan Allen's sacrifice bunt moved sophomore Megan Foglesong and senior Alexa Rivera into scoring position. That was all junior Megan Hom needed, as she drove in the runners with a 2-RBI double to cut the lead to 3-2. The Tigers would erase the lead completely two batters later. Junior Nikki Armagost brought Hom in with an RBI single up the middle.

The Tigers would gain the lead in the sixth. Foglesong and Rivera reached again to lead off the inning. It was Allen this time providing the RBI, as she was thrown out at first, allowing Foglesong to score and Pacific to take a 4-3 lead. The Tigers would leave the bases loaded.

It looked like it would come down to the seventh inning as the Tigers quickly got two quick outs from Washington. However, the wheels would come off the cart after that. The Huskies would load the bases. Then, to the horror of the home crowd, Pacific committed throwing errors on three straight plays, allowing Washington to score three unearned runs.

Pacific could not respond in the seventh, only managing a walk. Foglesong's ground out to second gave No. 3 Washington the tournament title.

The championship game was a rematch of a first-round battle between the tournament's top two teams. After Pacific and Washington took out both Sacramento State and Delaware with relative ease on Day 1, the teams battled on Day 2 to decide the 1-seed in the knockout phase.

In a back-and-forth battle, Foglesong brought in senior Nicole Matson with an RBI single in the second to take a 1-0 lead. A defensive error would lead to Washington scoring two runs in the third to take the lead. The Huskies

would increase their lead to 3-1 with a RBI double in the top of the fourth.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Tigers would make a game of it, tying the game on a 2-RBI single from Rivera. Washington and Pacific would take another run in the fifth and sixth innings, respectively, to set up a crucial seventh inning with the score tied 4-4.

Pacific's defensive miscues would rear their ugly heads again in the seventh. With two outs, Washington seemingly popped out to end the inning. However, the ball bounced off Pacific's glove, allowing the winning run to score. The Tigers could not muster a comeback in the bottom of the inning, resulting in a 5-4 Husky win.

The two teams would set up the rematch with victories in the semifinals. Washington took out Delaware 5-0 while Pacific blew by Sacramento State 10-4. Sacramento State would take home third place with a 6-0 win in the consolation matchup.

In the first round matchups, Washington took out Sacramento State and Delaware by a combined 21-0. Pacific would follow suit, beating the Hornets 9-6 before blowing by the Roadrunners 6-1.

The Tigers have gone 11-3 in their past 14 games, with losses to only No. 3 Washington and No. 5 Arizona State. With that performance, including wins over No. 21 Oklahoma State and No. 14 Texas A&M, Pacific is making a good case to the NCAA for a spot in the Top 25 rankings.

Prior to Saturday's game against Washington, Pacific honored two former Tiger greats who are currently on Washington's coaching staff. Cindy Ball, a two-time NFCA All-American and two-time Big West pitcher of the year and former head coach of Modesto Junior College and Cosumnes River College in Sacramento, CA, and Gina Carbonatto, two-time All-American and three-time Big West hits leader, as well as Stockton Hall of Fame's 2007 Female Athlete of the Year, had their #9 and #2 jerseys, respectively, retired by the program for which they both had once flourished.

Pacific will be back in action Friday, March 22nd, as they host the 2012 Libby Matson Tournament. From March 22-25th, the Tigers will play Princeton, San Diego State, and St. Mary's at Bill Simoni Field.



Senior Alexa Rivera (above) prepares to field a ground ball.

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